

Update on Prehospital Drugs Rulemaking, June 29, 2006

As explained in the Updates of April 26 and May 11, 2006, ADHS is now proceeding with a combined rulemaking that includes the regular rulemaking portion of the Prehospital Drugs Rulemaking and the other rule changes recommended by EMS Council at its meeting on April 21. In mid-May, ADHS posted a Draft Notice of Proposed Rulemaking and a Draft Economic Impact Statement for this combined rulemaking on the ADHS website. ADHS solicited comments on the Draft Economic Impact Statement until June 15, 2006.

As a result of comments received on the Draft Economic Impact Statement and Draft Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, and resulting further internal review, ADHS identified additional revisions that need to be made in the Draft Notice of Proposed Rulemaking. The additional revisions are necessary to clarify the rules and to effectuate the rule revisions recommended by the Prehospital Drugs Rulemaking Task Force and EMS Council. ADHS believes that they are all consistent with the recommendations made by the Task Force, the Education Committee, and EMS Council.

Because of the additional revisions, ADHS now intends to file a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking with the Office of the Secretary of State in July 2006.

If you have any questions or comments about the combined rulemaking, please contact Sarah Harpring at harpris@azdhs.gov or (602) 542-1513.